



## **GRANT APPLICATION FOR VETERINARY ASSISTANCE**

**All applicants will need to fill out and email or fax the following:**

- **Application Form**
- **Proof of income – This can be a copy of a check stub, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, etc. The proof of income must be recent (not over 30 days).**
- **Copy of a written cost estimate for the needed procedure(s) and/or treatment from your veterinarian.**

***Please submit all forms together to Inside Voice***

**Email: [insidevoicewyo@yahoo.com](mailto:insidevoicewyo@yahoo.com)**

**Fax: 800-986-5061**

**Please note – no contributions are EVER given directly to individuals.**

*Inside Voice ONLY sends funds directly to the treating veterinarians and ONLY if your application is approved and treatment is scheduled. Funding resources are limited and typically capped at \$500 per grant, but Inside Voice looks at each application on an individual basis and makes every effort to use their funds in the most responsible way.*

**Once a grant is approved the treatment/procedure must be completed within 30 days or the funds will be forfeited and application will be considered closed.**

**Inside Voice does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, or race of the applicant, nor on the breed or age of the animal. Inside Voice reserves the right to deny funding to anyone for any reason. Please read the complete application agreement for details of the application process.**

**Inside Voice respects your privacy and promises confidentiality. This grant is strictly between the person requesting the grant, the veterinarian/clinic administering the procedure or treatment, and the executive staff of Inside Voice.**

**Inside Voice is a nonprofit committed to helping pets in dire need of medical care, senior pets needing end of life care, and pets in need of rescue or re-homing.**

*Inside Voice is 501(c)(3) corporation*

***ALL GRANTS ARE MADE IN THE MEMORY OF ELVIS  
~ A TINY DOG WITH A BIG ATTITUDE AND A FIERCE INSIDE VOICE ~***



In order to receive funds from Inside Voice, this application must be completed by the person(s) seeking the funds. The applicant(s) must provide all of the following information.

## **APPLICANT AND PET INFORMATION**

Name(s) of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

How long has he/she been in your family? \_\_\_\_\_

How did he/she become a part of your family? (circle what applies)

Rescued/Adopted   Raised   Pet Store   Breeder   Other \_\_\_\_\_

Is he/she (circle all that applies)   Male   Neutered   Female   Spayed

Is he/she current on ALL vaccinations?   Yes   No

If no, which ones are not current? \_\_\_\_\_

Medical History: date(s), clinic, past surgery's, illness, injury etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

This grant request is for (surgery, treatment, dental, RX, relief) \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a medical emergency?   Yes   No

Do you have other pets?   Yes   No

How many? \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs \_\_\_\_\_ Ages(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Cats \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate of the TOTAL amount needed the for care and/or procedure   \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested today for the care and/or procedure   \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing and able to pay for any remaining balance due for this treatment or procedure, including any/all follow-up care, which may not be covered by this grant?

Yes

No

## **EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

Are you currently employed? (attach proof)      Yes                              No

Where \_\_\_\_\_ How long \_\_\_\_\_

If not currently employed, how long have you been unemployed? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you retired?                              Yes                              No

Are you disabled?                              Yes                              No

## **HOUSING AND HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION**

Do you own or rent your home or do you get federal housing benefits, such as Section 8?

Own \_\_\_\_\_ Rent \_\_\_\_\_ Section 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive any social services? None \_\_\_\_\_ Daycare \_\_\_\_\_ Food Stamps \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

How many other adults (over the age of 18) live in the household? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the applicant's relationship to each of the aforementioned adults?

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Significant Other \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate/Friend \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Grandparent \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

How many of the aforementioned adults, living in the household with the applicant, are currently employed? \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

How many of the aforementioned adults, living in the household contribute to the monthly expenses of the household? \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

*The undersigned swears the application for this grant is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge. The applicant has the right to reject, but not negotiate the amount of the grant. By accepting the grant, the applicant agrees to the terms of this application, and will immediately schedule the treatment or procedure prescribed by the veterinarian. If the application is denied and no funds are awarded, the applicant acknowledges that any treatments or procedures performed are at their own expense and the applicant will not subrogate against Inside Voice for the same.*

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PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

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**BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, YOU ARE GIVING YOUR VETERINARIAN PERMISSION TO DISCUSS YOUR PET'S HEALTH NEEDS WITH US, SO THAT WE CAN MAKE THE BEST INFORMED DECISION, IN OFFERING FINANCIAL AID.**

## **TREATING VETERINARIAN'S INFORMATION**

**This portion of the application may be completed by either the Applicant or by the Clinic and/or Veterinarian.**

Name of the Clinic\_\_\_\_\_

Name of the treating Veterinarian\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_Fax\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_\_

How long has applicant been a client of this Clinic/Veterinarian?\_\_\_\_\_

Cost Estimate \$\_\_\_\_\_ Medical License #\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please attach estimate)

Notes\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return completed application along with proof of income and vet estimate to:  
insidevoicewyo@yahoo.com or fax to 800-986-5061**

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## **INSIDE VOICE USE**

GRANT APPROVED\_\_\_\_\_DENIED\_\_\_\_\_GRANT EXPIRATION DATE\_\_\_\_\_

A Grant was made in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

Procedure/Treatment\_\_\_\_\_

If RX: med ,monthly amount, terms\_\_\_\_\_

Funds made payable to \_\_\_\_\_

Check #\_\_\_\_\_Credit Card\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_Invoice #\_\_\_\_\_

Approved by\_\_\_\_\_

If denied, why?\_\_\_\_\_

Notes\_\_\_\_\_

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# **APPLICATION AGREEMENT**

## **ABOUT OUR FUNDING**

### **WHO WE COVER**

- *Inside Voice will consider funding requests for domestic dogs or cats. We will not cover farm animals, animals owned by breeders, or animals used for research or commercial purposes of any kind. If applicants to Inside Voice are discovered to be using dogs or cats (or any animals) for illegal fighting purposes, we will provide the information to law enforcement agencies and assist in whatever way we can in the prosecution of these illegal and despicable activities.*

### **WHAT WE COVER**

- *Inside Voice provides need-based financial assistance for the benefit of dogs and cats where serious or emergency veterinary care is needed beyond routine procedures, including treatment, surgery, and medications. We also consider requests for necessary medical care, including serious chronic health problems and end of life comfort care. We will also consider requests for aid for pets that need rescued and/or re-homed, and for pets that are being neglected or abused. Depending on the level of funding available and the urgency of the needed treatment, Inside Voice will determine whether or not to pay for all or a portion of the animal's care.*

#### ***Inside Voice will use the following criteria to determine whether funds will be disbursed for the pet's care.***

- ***The financial need of the pet owner*** – We recognize that part of being a responsible pet owner means making the pet a part of your family and prioritizing their needs. We know that situations arise that are outside the scope of normal veterinary care and that those unexpected expenses can cause a financial hardship. Our grants are offered for this type of need.
- ***The opinion of the treating veterinarian*** – We will act on the recommendation of the veterinarian as to the medical necessity, urgency, and prognosis for the treatment needed.
- ***The demonstrated capability of the pet owner to take responsibility for the pet*** – After consulting with the veterinarian to determine the immediacy of care, and after determining the pet owner's level of responsibility for the pet's future care, Inside Voice will determine the level of funding to be provided. In the event that funds are not immediately available, requests for grants will be put on a waiting list for available funding. No minimum or maximum dollar amounts will be guaranteed while the pet is on the wait list and/or if the application has not been completed, or the grant approved.
- ***When Inside Voice approves funding*** – We will contact the applicant and notify them of the grant amount approved. If he/she accepts the grant and is able to pay the balance of treatment costs (if any) over and above the amount granted by Inside Voice, then we will notify the treating veterinarian that funds have been approved. At that point the procedure or treatment can be scheduled and Inside Voice will then disburse the approved funds directly to the veterinarian or their clinic. In the event that the grant is more than the total bill, the applicant agrees that the overage amount will be refunded to Inside Voice, and not held as a credit on applicant's account.
- ***Rescued animals by individuals*** – Rescue dogs or cats covered by Inside Voice must be considered permanent adoptions and adoptions must have been made 3 months or more prior and the applicant must intend to keep the animal as a family member.
- ***Urgent Care*** – Inside Voice will accept applications for emergencies and immediate care needs in the event that the applicant qualifies. (Example: emergency surgery for a broken leg or treatment for a sudden illness, requiring radiography, EKG, MRI, blood panels, etc.) We will try our best to expedite the application before the emergency or immediate care procedures are completed. Veterinarians with emergency applicant recommendations will be prioritized.

- **Applicants Must Provide Care Promptly** – Your pet's medical needs cannot have been neglected past all reasonable time for treatment. For example, if your pet needed urgent care months ago but you were unwilling or unable to fund the treatment, which is now causing the situation to be extremely critical and making it an emergency, we cannot grant funds for a neglectful cause. Applicants are responsible for making necessary arrangements for getting their pets treated within a reasonable time frame. Sometimes this involves making very difficult decisions, but **the best interests of the pet will be our only consideration.**
- **Preventative Care** – Applicants whose pets are ill due to neglected preventative care will not be considered for funding. For example, if a dog has heartworm disease because the pet owner neglected to provide preventative care, the applicant will not be eligible. However, if the applicant adopted a dog not knowing the animal already had heartworm, the applicant would be eligible for consideration.
- **Dental Care** – Requests for financial aid for dental care will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and may or may not be eligible for grants. If dental treatment is necessary due to an injury to the pet or an illness, it would be eligible for a grant. If a rescued or adopted pet has been in the home for less than six months and needs dental care, it also would be eligible.
- **Prognosis** – If treatment is likely to cause the pet suffering with little hope of a good long-term prognosis or quality of life, we will not cover the care/procedure. The pet's prognosis must include a survival rate of 50% or better for survival beyond 6 months (as determined by the treating veterinarian) for the applicant to be eligible to apply for a grant.
- **Euthanasia and Cremation** – Grant requests for euthanasia are capped at \$100. Cremation costs, at this time, are not covered under a grant.
- **Relief Grants** – For ongoing pet health issues, such as diabetes, seizures, or thyroid disease, where lifetime treatment is necessary to keep the pet alive and healthy, with good quality of life, applicants must be able and willing to provide the care on an ongoing basis to qualify for the grant. For example, if an applicant cannot afford to maintain the needed prescribed treatment, applicants may apply for a relief grant for ongoing medical needs, but the treating veterinarian will have to verify that the applicant is willing and able to take responsibility for administering the medications and that funding the lifetime care is necessary and needed and that the applicant is able and willing to make up any balance of such costs that the relief grant does not cover.
- **Senior Pets** – Inside Voice has a soft spot for senior pets and will not discriminate based on age. If we can assist by granting comfort care in end-of-life situations, we will. For example, if your senior pet has cancer and treatment could prolong its life, but not necessarily cure or save it, we would accept your application based on the opinion of the veterinarian that the pet would still have quality of life, for the rest of its life, however long that may be.
- **Grant Amount** – All grants are need based, but the typical capped amount for the grant is currently \$500 per pet/applicant. Sometimes lesser or greater amounts will be granted, based on the pet's needs. Applicants must be able to fund the rest of the procedure or treatment to be eligible for the capped grant amount of \$500 or for the additional need-based amount.  
(Example 1: procedure is \$500, Inside Voice funds \$200, applicant must be able to fund \$300.)  
(Example 2: procedure is \$1000, Inside Voice funds \$500, applicant must be able to fund \$500)  
(Example 3: procedure is \$2000, Inside Voice funds \$800, applicant must be able to fund \$1200)
- **Approval or Denial of Grants** – When we receive your completed application, we will contact you regarding approval or denial of funding. Please note – if funding is denied, **we are truly sorry.** Most denials of funding will be based on lack of funds. In any case, Inside Voice staff will not be able to discuss the reason for denial.
- **Results** – While the application process is in part based on the subjective judgment of veterinarians and our staff, we feel these basic guidelines are clear, unbiased and necessary, and we will make the most ethical decisions possible with the information we have in each circumstance. **Your pet's best interest is ALWAYS our priority.**

## PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

- **You must be able to provide basic care for your pets** – This includes not only food and permanent shelter, but also basic vet care when needed. Applicants who are not able to provide basic care for their pets on an ongoing basis are encouraged to seek out appropriate adoptive homes for the pets that they cannot afford to care for.
- **You must have a source of income** – Eligible sources of income include W2 or 1099 income, Unemployment Insurance, or SSI Benefits. You must provide proof of your source of income, either in the form of a copy of a current pay stub or a copy of your Benefit Award letter.
- **Pet Owner Responsibility** – Your treating veterinarian will be asked about your demonstrated responsibility in caring for your pets. Since one of the greatest benefits of Inside Voice is keeping dogs and cats out of shelters, giving funds to irresponsible owners would not accomplish this goal.

## WHAT WE DO NOT FUND

- **Basic care** – Including but not limited to grooming, tick and flea treatments, worming, annual vaccinations, food, pet supplies or routine veterinary care. Inside Voice is committed to benefit those in need and those who are in serious situations where medical treatment is needed beyond routine care.
- **Spaying and neutering** – Typically spay and neuter surgeries are not considered emergent and would not be eligible or covered. Inside Voice believes that spaying and neutering your pet(s) is a necessity and is an important part of being a responsible pet owner. Therefore, we will not consider such requests at this time. **EXCEPTION** – spaying an animal at the time of an emergency C-section would be covered, if a grant for the C-section is approved.
- **Any bills already paid or procedures already in progress** – Inside Voice cannot reimburse anyone for veterinary expenses that may have already been paid. Even if you have not yet paid your bill, if the procedure or treatment has already been performed, before the application has been received or approved for funding, we will not be able to fund the procedure. **EXCEPTION** – In life-or-death emergency situations or sudden and unexpected illness where veterinary care is an emergency and/or life saving measures must be taken immediately, the application may be submitted within 48 hours of the treatment or procedure. The pet must have at least a 50% plus chance of recovery, survival and quality of life, for the grant to be considered.
- **Any animals owned by breeders** – None, under any circumstances.
- **Declawing, ear cropping or debarking surgeries** – Inside Voice strongly discourages these practices and will **NEVER** fund these procedures under **ANY** circumstances.

## WE BELIEVE

- **Each pet owner is responsible for providing medical care for their animals.** Our goal is to support the special circumstances where extra help is needed and we are looking to help **responsible pet owners** who are prepared to accept this responsibility, both in attitude and in actions.

## OUR COMMITMENT

- **Inside Voice is committed to helping as many pets as quickly as possible.** We will respond to your request as soon as we can and requests are answered on a first come, first served basis, typically within 12-24 hours for emergencies and within 36-72 hours for non-emergencies.